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UN SECRETARIAT DISTRIBUTED FOLLOWING NOTE BY THE SECRETARY
GENERAL (DOCUMENT NO. A/10509, DATED APRIL 8, 1976) ON THE
SOVIET COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) RESOLUTION:

QUOTE

CONCLUSION OF A TREATY ON THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL
PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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1. PARAGRAPH 2 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3478 (XXX) OF 11
DECEMBER 1975 READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

2. CALLS UPON ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS, NOT LATER THAN 31 MARCH 1976, WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS, AND INVITES TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL REGIONAL GROUPS, TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS, AND TO INFORM THE ASSEMBLY, AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION, OF THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS;"

2. IN THAT CONNEXION, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS RECEIVED FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION, DATED 8 APRIL 1976:

"IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF RESOLUTION 3478(XXX), THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLED UPON ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS, NOT LATER THAN 31 MARCH 1976, WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS.

IN THE SAME PARAGRAPH, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INVITED 25 TO 30 NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL REGIONAL GROUPS, TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANDATE ENTRUSTED TO ME, I HAVE CONSULTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH THE CHAIRMEN OF THE REGIONAL GROUPS WITH A VIEW TO APPOINTING THE 25 TO 30 NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES.

FROM THE OUTSET, THE CONSULTATIONS WERE COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT AMONG THE NUCLEAR POWERS ONLY THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS WAS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS.

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NAMES OF THE NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES WHICH HAVE DECLARED THAT THEY ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE UNCONDITIONALLY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BOLIVIA, BULGARIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, GRENADA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAQ, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, NIGERIA, PERU, POLAND, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND ZAIRE.

FINLAND HAS ALSO INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE READY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ENVISAGED IN THE RESOLUTION. SEVERAL OTHER STATES HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE IN

THE NEGOTIATIONS IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS, RELATING NOTABLY
TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE NUCLEAR STATES, WERE MET.

SINCE, HOWEVER, ONLY ONE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE HAS THUS FAR
AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE CONDITIONS
SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE RESOLUTION FOR THE INITIATION
OF THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN MET.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD COMMUNICATE THE TEXT
OF THIS LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

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